Friday, January 12, 2023

Mystic River Newsletter
January 13, 2023

Steve Wheeler – Principal

Paul DiPadua and Shira Sabo- Assistant Principals

Magnet Updates:

Last Friday we introduced January's Superpower of the Month: Creativity! Creativity challenges students to think outside the box, express themselves, and to share their ideas with others. What are some ways that you can channel creativity this month?

This Friday we are starting our second round of Play Block electives. Students in grades 2-5 were given a variety of group choices to pick from for the Friday afternoon Play Block. We know our students are excited to start their groups! Here's are our group offerings:

2nd and 3rd Grade: Animals and Nature, Basketball, Legos, Dancing, Board Games and Marble Runs, Calming Activities

4th and 5th Grade: Arts and Crafts, STEAM Challenges, Sports and Fitness, Board Games and Coding, Indoor Yard Games, and Focus Activities (yoga, meditation, etc.)

Kindergarten and 1st grade students will participate in play-based activities created by their classroom teachers! We will provide updates and pictures each week to highlight what elective groups are up to.



Celebrating Creativity – This month's Super Power – Community Meeting with Mrs. Sabo

PTO

Happy New Year Mystic River families! Hope you all had a rejuvenating winter break. PTO is busy planning lots of fun events, trips, and fundraising to kick off the new year. Look out for our first fundraiser, the Gourmet Popcorn Sale! Support the MRMS PTO and grab some delicious varieties of popcorn to arrive just in time for the Superbowl!

We are also excited to share that we will be hosting our first Family Game Night on **Friday January 20th 6-7pm.** What a perfect time to sit down with your child/children and enjoy some board games! Games and snacks will be provided. Parents are required to stay.

Volunteers needed as lunch/recess aides daily from 11:30-1:30. Please contact our Community Coordinator, Allison Zyrlis (azyrlis@groton.k12.ct.us) if you are interested in helping. Join us for our first meeting of 2023 on **Wednesday January 18th at 6pm** in the Media Center.

Office News

Spirit Day-January- **Spirit Day is Friday, January 27**- All Staff and Students – **Wear your favorite hat to school or Whacky Hair Day!**

Important Dates:

- **January 16- NO School Martin Luther King Day**
- January 18- PTO Meeting 6:00 in the library

Upcoming School Events:

- **January 20, 2023- Family Game Night**
- **February 24, 2023-Family Bingo**
- **March 17, 2023- Wellness Day**